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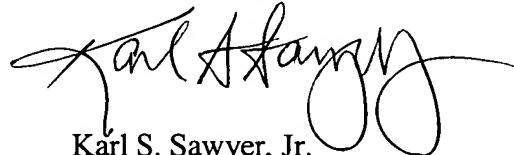
The present application corresponds to a German patent application filed by the applicants, from which priority for the present application is claimed. The applicants have received a Search Report from the German Patent Office identifying references made of record in the corresponding German patent application. For the convenient reference of the Examiner, a copy of the German Search Report is also attached.

German Patent Publication DE 19 17 864 A1 shows a yarn guide disk caused to rotate by contact with the yarn.

German Patent Publication DE 21 26 841 A shows a sliver spinning device with rotating spinning chamber in which a disk rotates that is driven by a belt.

Of the remaining references submitted herewith, the applicants do not have English translations of the non-English references, but an English abstract and/or a U.S. Patent counterpart is also attached for each such reference.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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